Congressman Pence is featured in today's <u>New Castle Courier Times</u> in a front page piece regarding the future of the auto industry.

Congressman Mike Pence says with the right plan the U.S. auto industry could be stronger, leaner and better.

On a day when Chrysler LLC announced it would halt production for a month and cuts at New Castle's Metaldyne made headlines, Pence talked with The Courier-Times about the future of the auto industry.

Sitting inside Westminster Community Center in New Castle on Wednesday, Pence said, "Inaction is not an option."

He voted against a proposed \$14 billion auto bailout plan just days earlier. That plan went on to fail in the Senate.

Pence, the No. 3 Republican in the House, says that proposal would have led to future bailout requests from auto executives. He says the right solution is based around a court-supervised reorganization of the Big Three auto manufacturers.

In that reorganization, a judge could bring the United Auto Workers union and the executives together.

The judge would be able to reorganize the companies as he or she saw fit.

"The judge gets out a gavel and goes, bang, 'That's the deal,'" Pence said. "We're not haggling. That's just the deal. That's going to be necessary."

Under Pence's plan, private investment would fund the reorganization. That investment would come with a federal guarantee, he says. Click **HERE** to see the full story (subscription required)